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## Roadmap to Europe pre-clearance almost completed



ORANJESTAD -- Last week Aruba received the delegation of Dutch General Leijtens consisting of, among others, Hans Gerritsen of the Ministry of Justice and Security here in connection with the Europe pre-clearance project for Aruba.

In the early hours of the morning the Dutch delegation visited the Aruba Queen Beatrix Airport where they met with different persons of interest and exchanged ideas. An

orientation visit was made to the American pre-clearance and pre-inspection department, which they considered an important aspect of their visit here.

The possibility for introducing a European pre-clearance here has been under discussion for quite some time now. Much research has been done already by a work group that was installed last year. This is a group of experts from Aruba and Holland with Mr.



Gerritsen as president.

In October 2011 the government of Aruba signed a protocol of cooperation with the Dutch government. In that protocol they agreed that they would try to find win-win opportunities within the Dutch Kingdom. One such opportunity was the realization of a pre-clearance to Europe similar to the American pre-clearance program.

According to the government... "we are nearing the final phase of the research conducted to make this possible, to introduce the European pre-clearance in Aruba in phases."

The first phase will be pre-inspection and later the pre-clearance. First, the immigration and later the customs component. However, before introducing these facilities we must first be certain of the logistics and the legal aspects.

According to Aruba's Prime Minister, this project looks very promising and that we are nearing the first conclusions. We must wait for the report, "Roadmap to Pre-clearance" so we can have better clarity on how to proceed. Eman indicated that there are yet many challenges, legal questions to be answered, and logistics to be worked out. The intention is to have the completed report to be presented at the Europe Meets the Americas upcoming conference in May.

Aruba Prime Minister Eman placed the pin of Aruba's flag on the lapel of General Leijtens as a courtesy gesture, which was much appreciated by the venerable Dutch General.

## Britain's 'Iron Lady,' Margaret Thatcher dead at 87

LONDON (AFP) - Former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, the controversial "Iron Lady" who dominated a generation of British politics and won international acclaim for helping to end the Cold War, died following a stroke yesterday. She was 87.

World leaders paid tribute to Britain's only woman prime minister, whose years in office from 1979 to 1990 saw her take on trade unions, go to war in the Falklands and wield her signature handbag against the European Union.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II said she was saddened by Thatcher's death and Prime Minister David Cameron cut short a European trip, although mining leaders and Irish republicans said she left a bitter legacy.

Red white and blue Union flags flew at half mast over Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and the prime minister's Downing Street official residence in a sign of mourning while mourners left flowers outside Thatcher's house.

Britain announced plans for a ceremonial funeral with military honours, although it is a step short of the full state funeral of the kind accorded to monarchs and World War II premier Winston Churchill.

"It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of Lady Thatcher. We have lost a great leader, a great prime minister and a great Briton," Cameron said. "She didn't just lead our country, she saved our country."

Thatcher suffered from dementia in recent years -- her illness becoming the subject of a biographical film starring Meryl Streep -- and appeared rarely in public. She was last in



hospital in December for a minor operation to remove a growth from her bladder.

The former Conservative Party leader was the 20th century's longest continuous occupant of Downing Street.

Downing Street Thatcher will receive the high honour of a ceremonial funeral with military honours. The funeral at St Paul's Cathedral in London is expected to take place next week, with international leaders and a wide range of people connected to the baroness likely to attend.

A private cremation would follow later, it said, adding that the arrangements were at the request of Thatcher's family. British newspapers reported that the former premier had herself requested that she did not receive a state funeral, knowing that it would prove divisive.

Thatcher was told by doctors to quit public speaking a decade ago after a series of minor strokes. She died while staying at the Ritz Hotel in London.

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## New comedy revue opening at the Westin tomorrow night

PALM BEACH -- Wednesday, April 10, will be the opening night for a very limited one-week engagement of "Aruba Ray's Comedy Revue," at the Westin Aruba Resort in Palm Beach. It features three top young comics on the U.S. circuit today, Ray Ellin, Brian Scott McFadden and Chuck Nice.

Popular comic Ray Ellin "absolutely fell in love with Aruba," and raved about the island so to his New York buddies, nicknamed him "Aruba Ray." He has brought two of his best on the comedy club circuit to join him in the 90-minute show, which he hopes to see become a regular feature for night time entertainment on Aruba.

All three of these busy and talented comedians have appeared frequently on TV, radio, and are doing stints in films and TV commercials. There is no doubt audiences will recognize their faces while on stage. They will be appearing at Cabaret Royale from Wednesday, April 10 through Tuesday, April 16.

"I am very passionate about Aruba and this show,"

Ray Ellin told THE MORNING NEWS during an exclusive interview. "I see a huge range of audiences, and I and my colleagues have the sort of material and humor that will appeal to audiences whether they are from New York, Chicago, Wyoming...or Aruba, Colombia or Holland. It is universal. We all have husbands, wives, children girlfriends, boyfriends...there is a wealth of funny material there, and we love to make people laugh. Between the three of us, we have a great synergy, and the audience will feel the energy and excitement in the show." This is great news for Aruba and lovers of good stand-up comedy. He advises the material is for mature audiences.

Tickets are \$39 and are for sale at the concierge desk in the Westin Resort in Palm Beach. Each ticket has a \$40 match play coupon printed on the back, which audience can then play at the Palm Beach Casino in the resort after the show. Doors open at 8:30 and the show starts promptly at 9:00 PM.

## OTEC: Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion - Is this the answer for Aruba?

A conversation with Diego Acevedo of Bluerise

The successful solution of harnessing renewable energies has numerous answers, many of which require planning with geographic factors kept strongly in mind. What methods may work for one country at far northern latitudes possessing certain attributes, very likely will not prove practical for tropical islands adjacent to the equator. These issues are what occupy Diego Acevedo, a young Colombian who was recognized by Aruba's Prime Minister for his achievements and dedication to the field of sustainability, along with young Arubans in the field, at the 2012 Aruba Green Energy Conference. Diego met and married his Aruban wife, Monica, while at university in Florida, which converted him into a "Colombiano/Arubiano," with the island's energy future and its people close to his heart.

Diego obtained a Bachelor's Degree Magna Cum Laude in Mechanical Engineering in Florida, but after working in France, decided to pursue a Masters Degree in the subject that captured his intellect and which he considers essential to the future: Sustainable Energy. He is now completing his Masters thesis at T.U. Delft in Holland, one of the world's leading educational institutions for the study and development of means to harness renewable, "clean" energy.

He is also the VP of Business Development for Bluerise, which specializes in Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion, or OTEC, a technology Diego and his partners are convinced is the right and complete answer to the energy dilemma of small island nations in tropical zones and coastal countries. These coastal areas, which are now experiencing the greatest grow-



**Diego Acevedo**

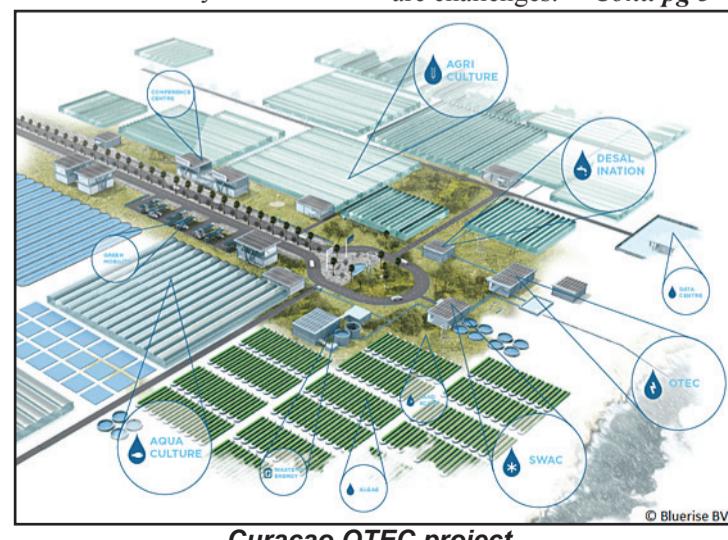
ing energy demands, also have the advantage of the ideal conditions for fully deploying OTEC to meet their energy needs.

Diego explained what attracted him to OTEC originally. "While studying for my Masters, my main goal was finding an answer for the islands, as I had experienced what they were going through from all my time on Aruba. I started following everything I could, specifically for islands. I investigated solar and wind technologies and became increasingly aware that there wasn't such a clear solution. When we initially look at solar

and wind, we think, "this is really going to save us," but in the context of an island, it is very difficult, technically, to get this going. When we talk about the wind farms on Aruba, they talk about it providing 20% penetration, which is very nice to suppose, but when actually averaging out what it provides, it is only about 7 or 8 percent. Even with expansion, it will likely be less than 15%."

Diego informs that the technical challenges go way beyond what is actually produced. Storage facilities for the energy to remain available when wind is down, or in the case of solar energy, when the sun sets, is untenable for such a small island. Their calculations show storage would need to be nearly as large as Aruba to be effective. "This also changes the economics of the system, as then you also have to pay for the storage. Those types of numbers bring something good for the population, but still, is not a real solution. Technically, the math doesn't work.

Regarding solar energy, he explains that even if homeowners and businesses put them on their rooftops, there are challenges. *Cont. pg 3*



**Curacao OTEC project.**

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"I am very happy with the changes in policy regarding solar panels on Aruba, which, like Curacao, allows those with solar panels to sell back to the company at the rates they use energy. This makes great sense, and people can usually pay back their installations in five or six years. But the people who usually make such long-term investment decisions are people with money. You can get saturated very quickly, and those administrating energy distribution will need to increase their tariffs for those who don't have solar panels. The end result is that people who had the money and invested, basically don't pay for energy, or pay very little, and those who didn't have the money to invest will end up paying more. It needs to be handled properly on ownership and how people pay for the grid; but the facts are very technical and it is hard to make people really understand how

the flow and intermittency costs associated with it really work. Solar energy can be cheaper than diesel energy, for sure, but it depends on how you handle it, and it becomes a complicated choice." After all this investigation into wind and solar energy, Diego began searching for a viable alternative.

This is why he came to explore OTEC technology. Author Jules Verne "the man who thought of everything first" originally conceptualized it in his book "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." The math and design were investigated and proposed by French Physicist Jacque Arsene D'Arsonval in 1881, but dismissed by "experts" as untenable. In northern waters, where ocean surface temperatures are not so high, this may be so, but for the heavily populated coastal nations in tropical climates, where populations and energy demands are growing exponentially, it may



**Bluerise team at OTEC research setup in Process and Energy lab - TU Delft**

be an ideal solution. "Iceland, as an example, looked at how to fully utilize their particular situation to take advantage of geo-thermal energy. They first used it to heat their homes, which was a priority. Then applied it to for energy, to replace importing oil, as Aruba does, then deployed it for agriculture and fish farming. Aruba is not a volcanic island like Iceland, with geo-thermal capability, but it is ideally situated to best deploy OTEC. Diego asserts "The

basic takeaway from this example is they asked "What do we have here and how can we use it?" which is what Arubans must first ask when planning energy solutions. An article "Tide Turning on OTEC," which fully explains the technology and advancements in the field, can be found online at: <http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/index.php?i=151089&m&l&p=40&pre=1&ver=flex>

Diego's company, Bluerise, is now engaged in constructing

a "pilot OTEC project" for the Curacao Airport. OTEC takes into account that water absorbs the sun's rays. In the equatorial zone, this can produce extreme differentials between the surface and deep ocean temperatures. The cooler deeper waters are also being directly channeled to provide clean, cheap and emission free cooling; such a project is already in discussion for Aruba's hotel areas. Bluerise envisions a parallel project, with temperature differential used to create energy, available constantly, emission free, and unaffected by drops in wind or night time hours. Offshoots in the use of the waste water is potable water, and redirecting it to agriculture or aquaculture, as is the case at the Curacao Airport. It appears that an added benefit from OTEC, if it was practiced on a global level, would be the cooling of surface waters, particularly in tropical zones. This is an important element in the predicted increase by weather experts of more typhoons and hurricanes of greater strength. Cooling the surface temperatures might help defuse this issue.

The Curacao Airport project will cost a minimum of 10 million dollars, but because of the cooling aspect, costs will be earned back quickly. "OTEC works 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year," explains Diego. "The economics work differently on capital costs when compared to solar or wind energy. I am certain this is the future; and has the most promise when considering location specific challenges for an island such as Aruba. When you look at Colombia, which is now 70% sustainable, you see the resources and geography to build dams and create hydropower. How this will eventually impact their environment has yet to be known, but it is at least, "clean" energy. For the tropics and coastal regions, and nearby population centers, most of which are within 100 kilometers of the coast, and where energy consumption is growing at a far greater rate than anywhere else, we need a solution. This is one of the things that can really have a great impact. I hope Aruba will be our next project."

*Rosalie Klein*

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## Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day 2013



Rabbi Kripper leads the memorial service

Yesterday was Yom HaShoah for Jewish communities around the world, Holocaust Remembrance Day, beginning at sunset on Sunday, March 7 and ending at sunset March 8, 2013. The actual proper title is "Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah," which mean "Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance." It is a solemn re-

minder of the attempt by the Nazis to completely eliminate the Jewish people, and the torture and murder of 6,000,000 men, women and children in ghettos and concentration camps during WWII and the preceding years. It also commemorates the few who resisted the systematic persecution and slaughter.

Holocaust Day originated in Israel in 1953, and it a national holiday in that country. The original proposal was to hold Yom HaShoah on the 14th of Nisan, the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising (April 19, 1943), but this was problematic because the 14th of Nisan is the day immediately before Passover. The date was moved to the 27th of Nisan, which is eight days before Israeli Independence Day.

Aruba's very small Jewish community gathered at sunset around the Anne Frank Memorial in Wilhelmina Park in Oranjestad to mark the occasion. Pastor Eusebio Petrona of the Evangelical Church and Pastor Gilbert Martes of the Emmanuel Church, along with some of their congregation, joined them during the poig-

nant and simple service.

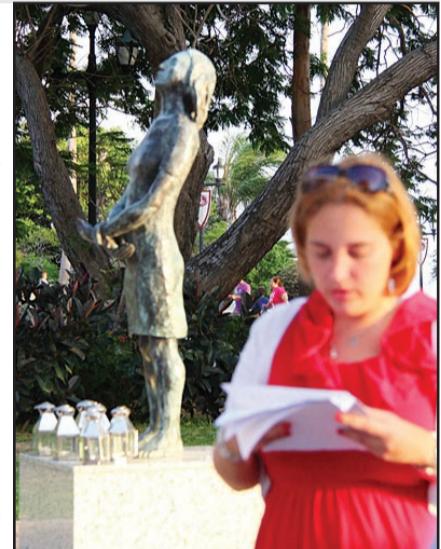
The recently installed Rabbi Kripper led the congregation of Aruba's Temple Beth Israel in the short session of prayer and song. Sabrina Sonenshin read an excerpt from Anne Frank's Diary, expressing hope for the future despite the years spent hiding from the Nazis in an attic in Amsterdam.

Group prayers ended with a recital of the Mourner's Kaddish, the traditional prayer for those passed on, and in singing the Hatikvah, the Israeli anthem, which literally means "The Hope."

Pastors Martes and Petrona came forward to explain why they felt compelled to attend the Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony. Paster Martes recounted being in Berlin at the same time of year and observing the city lit with memorial candles, and having the opportunity to see the sites of camps. It was an occasion that heightened his belief in tolerance, and awareness for all the Jews had suffered, but still they endure. Pastor Petrona pointed out the very important role that

Jews fleeing the Inquisition two hundred years prior to the Holocaust, then settling on the two neighboring islands, had played in the establishment of commerce and prosperity for Aruba and Curaçao. It is his belief that most having been Sephardic Jews from Spain and Africa, allowed them to understand the languages of the slaves brought to the Curacao markets, enabling them to maintain more of their original language, which eventually evolved into Papiamento.

The evening ended with the placing of six yahrzeit can-



Sabrina reads from The Diary of Anne Frank



Anne Frank Memorial Never Forget

dles, the traditional lights of memorial to those passed on, at the foot of the statue of Anne Frank. Each one is in memory for a million of "the six million Jews whose lives were extinguished during the Holocaust. As we light these candles, we commit ourselves to the responsibility for one another to build on this earth a world that has no room for hatred, no place for violence. Together, we pray for the strength to fulfill this vocation."

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Michel Kock who joined the law firm of Kloes & Partners on April 1, 2012 recently became partner at Kloes & Partners. Michel Kock runs a successful civil practice and is active in the areas of contract law, employment law, corporate law, construction law, insurance law, trademark law and litigation. He often functions as a trusted legal advisor to companies and their management.

Michel Kock holds a law degree from the University of Leiden and was admitted as an attorney to the Court of Appeals of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba in 2001. He has been practicing law ever since, initially in Curacao and as of 2004 in Aruba. 'Michel is committed to providing our clients with personalized service while helping them navigate through the maze of corporate and commercial law. He has enabled us to further strengthen our expertise in a wide range of areas,' according to Winfried Kloes, senior partner at Kloes & Partners.

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## Final proof set of Queen Beatrix coins issued

The Royal Dutch Mint have launched (4th April) their final set of proof coins minted under the reign of Queen Beatrix (reigned 1980 – 2013). On the 30th April, the Queen formally abdicates as Dutch Head of State in favor of her eldest son, the Prince of Orange who will assume the throne as King Willem-Alexander on that day, the first King in the Netherlands for more than 120 years.

The set includes the current 8 coins presently in circulation in the Netherlands,

the €2 down to the one cent coins and will also include a second €2 commemorative coin as the Netherlands celebrates 200 years as an independent kingdom since 1813. The coin will feature a design which celebrates this historic anniversary – yet to be officially launched. The theme of this new proof set also includes information for the Royal Palace in Amsterdam, situated in Dam Square and where the formal proclamation of the succession & investiture of Prince

Willem-Alexander will be made on the 30th April. The nine coin set is housed in a special presentation case designed for the occasion.

EURO coins were issued in the Netherlands on the 1st January 2002 but have been produced since 1999, this set will be the Euro's 14th year produced under the reign of Queen Beatrix who succeeded to the throne on the abdication of her mother, Queen Juliana (1909 – 2004) in 1980. The avant-garde and modern interpretation of the

Queens portrait introduced in 1982 transitioned onto EURO coins with the half portrait being depicted on the 2 & 1 Euro coins and the complete portrait seen on the remaining denominations. Designed by Evelino Fingal, a native of Aruba, the three-tiered or level depiction of the Queen with her profile facing to the left was considered one of the best examples of modern coin design of all time. It is expected that the coins carrying the portrait of the new King will debut in 2014.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Disney child star, 'beach' movie star Funicello dies



LOS ANGELES, (AFP) - US actress Annette Funicello, who first gained fame as a "Mickey Mouse Club" member and later starred in 1960s "Beach Party" films, died yesterday aged 70, entertainment giant Disney announced.

Funicello died of complications from multiple sclerosis, a disease she battled for over 25 years and whose sufferers she championed through charity work in later life.

Her family were by her side when she was taken off life support. Funicello had been in an MS coma for years.

She was one of the original "Mousketeers" on America's "Mickey Mouse Club" variety television show in the 1950s, before growing into a star of the teen "Beach Party" movies in the 1960s.

Cast alongside teen idol Frankie Avalon, the raven-haired actress starred in "Beach Party" (1963), "Muscle Beach Party" (1964), "Bikini Beach" (1964), "Beach Blanket Bingo" (1965), and "How to Stuff a Wild Bikini" (1965).

"Everyone who knew Annette loved and respected her.

"She was one of the loveliest people I've ever known, and was always so kind to everyone," said Diane Disney Miller, daughter of Walt Disney.

"She was also the consummate professional, and had such great loyalty to my father," she added.

Funicello was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1987, and went public with the illness in 1992, establishing The Annette Funicello Research Fund for Neurological Diseases.

Despite her health challenges she founded a business selling collectible teddy bears and launched her own perfume line, before withdrawing from public appearances in the late 1990s.

Walt Disney Company chairman Bob Iger said: "Annette was and always will be a cherished member of the Disney family, synonymous with the word Mousketeer, and a true Disney Legend."

"She will forever hold a place in our hearts as one of Walt Disney's brightest stars, delighting an entire generation of baby boomers with her jubilant personality and endless talent."

### Rainbow protesters mass against Putin's Amsterdam visit

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Over 3,000 people protested Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to Amsterdam yesterday, with rainbow flags flying at half-mast around the city that prides itself on enjoying every kind of freedom.

The brightly dressed crowd chanted "Go home Putin!" during a festive protest opposite the museum where Putin had dinner with Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, at the end of his visit to the nation that first legalised gay marriage in 2001.

Protesters were mainly targeting a bill before the Russian parliament that bans homosexual "propaganda" among minors, but also a general rights clampdown in Russia, where Putin is serving his third term as president.

Activists and Western governments have condemned the measure, which provides for fines of up to 500,000 rubles (12,500 euros, \$15,830) for any "public act" promoting homosexuality or paedophilia.

"There are no violations of the rights of sexual minorities

in Russia," a defiant Putin said alongside Rutte before heading in to dinner. "These people enjoy full rights and liberties just like everyone else."

Putin said that gay couples could not produce children and that "Europe and Russia have demographic problems."

"We need to reach a consensus with this community, we need to agree to work collectively. Don't insult each other, agree with, understand, each other and develop certain civilised rules," he said. "I think this is possible."

Rutte said he had raised concerns over NGO and gay rights with Putin. "We had a good talk about it," Rutte said, which testifies "to the good relations between our two countries."

Dozens of police were deployed in the tightly secured area, including anti-riot forces, although an AFP correspondent saw some police dancing to the thumping music.

"Critical journalists not allowed. Do not frighten President Putin. Keep this area human rights free," read one

huge Amnesty International banner hanging from a window.

"No gay propaganda beyond this line," another sign read.

Dutch police said they had briefly detained one person, a gay Dutch artist who wrote expletives against Putin on the window of his studio.

Barges sailed on the Amstel river with signs reading "Punk bands strictly prohibited", in reference to members of the band Pussy Riot who were jailed last year for staging an anti-Putin concert in Russia.

Rainbow flags dotted the city, including outside Amsterdam City Hall. Many of the flags were flown at half-mast.

Putin's visit is centered on trade talks with The Netherlands, and many Russian business leaders are travelling with him.

Russia has invested heavily in the Port of Rotterdam, a transit point for much of its oil and gas.

Many Russian companies are also registered in The Netherlands because of its favourable taxation regime.



**NEW YORK:** People walk past John Jovino gunshop, the oldest gun retailer in New York City, which claims to be the oldest gun shop in the US, in Manhattan's Little Italy in New York on April 8, 2013. US Congress returned to work yesterday after a spring-break recess with two issues reaching critical stages, a gun safety legislation in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting and a comprehensive overhaul of the nation's immigration system. (AFP PHOTO)

**International News****N. Korea preparing for fourth nuclear test: South**

SEOUL (AFP) - North Korea appears to be preparing a fourth nuclear test as well as a provocative missile launch, South Korea said Monday, despite an unusually blunt call from China for restraint.

Unification Minister Ryoo Kihl-Jae told lawmakers there were "signs" that another test was in the pipeline, with intelligence reports showing heightened activity at the North's Punggye-ri atomic test site.

"We are trying to figure out whether it is a genuine preparation for a nuclear test or just a ploy to heap more pressure on us and the US," the JoongAng Ilbo daily cited a senior South Korean government official as saying.

It was the North's third nuclear test in February and subsequent UN sanctions that kickstarted the cycle of escalating military tensions on the Korean peninsula.

While North Korea has made no secret of the fact that it intends to carry out further nuclear tests, most analysts believe a detonation in the current climate would be a provocative step too far, even for Pyongyang.

"It would just be unbelievably risky," said Robert Kelly, a political science professor at Pusan National University in South Korea.

"The Americans would freak out, for a start. I think a missile test is far more likely," Kelly said.

Intelligence reports suggest Pyongyang has readied two mid-range missiles on mobile launchers on its east coast, and is aiming at a test-firing before the April 15 birthday of late founding leader Kim Il-Sung.

Japan has ordered its armed forces to shoot down any North Korean missile headed towards its territory, a defence ministry spokesman in Tokyo said Monday.

A missile launch would still be highly provocative, especially given the strong rebuke the North's sole ally China handed it at the weekend and a US concession to delay its own planned missile test.

"No one should be allowed to throw a region, even the whole world, into chaos for selfish gains," Chinese President Xi Jinping told an international forum in southern China on Sunday.

Although he did not mention North Korea by name, Xi's remarks were taken as a clear warning to the regime in Pyongyang, which is hugely dependent on China's economic and diplomatic support.

On Saturday Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi had told UN chief Ban Ki-moon that Beijing would "not allow troublemaking on China's doorstep".

The United States, which has met the North's threats with some military muscle-flexing of its own, offered a calibrated concession Saturday by delaying a planned inter-continental ballistic missile test.

A US defence official said Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel had postponed the Minuteman 3 test because it "might be misconstrued by some as suggesting that we were intending to exacerbate the current crisis with North Korea".

The New York Times reported that the US and South Korea have drawn up plans for a measured tit-for-tat response to North Korean actions, which will be limited in order to prevent an escalation to broader war.

Citing unnamed US officials, the newspaper said the new "counter-provocation" strategy calls for an immediate but proportional "response in kind" if the North decides to launch a missile attack or ground attack.

**Police on trial in Brazil for 1992 prison 'massacre'**

SAO PAULO - (AFP) - Twenty-six military police officers were due to go on trial here Monday for their role in Brazil's worst prison tragedy that claimed the lives of 111 inmates.

The officers are specifically blamed for the deaths of 15 prisoners, who died in pavilion 9 of Sao Paulo's Carandiru penitentiary during an operation to quell a revolt on October 2, 1992. The incident became known as the "Carandiru massacre."

The inmates were killed without an opportunity to defend themselves," the G1 website quoted Fernando Pereira da Silva, a prosecution official, as saying.

But the defense argues that the police officers fired in self-defense after being threatened and assaulted by the prisoners.

All the officers involved in the operation were unharmed. In addition to the 111 prisoners killed, some 87 others were injured.

Survivors claimed that police fired on inmates who had already surrendered or were trying to hide in their cells.

Only the commanding officer of the operation, Colonel Ubiratan Guimaraes, was initially sentenced to 632 years in jail for his mishandling of the revolt and the subsequent killings.

But in 2006, a Brazilian court voided the conviction because of mistrial claims. Later that year, Guimaraes was found dead in his apartment under unclear circumstances.

A total of 79 military police officers are to stand trial in various stages.

The massacre sparked outrage among the prison inmates, some of whom set up a criminal gang known as First Command of the Capital (PCC) in 1993.

The PCC is believed to have ordered the death of the director of the prison at the time, Jose Ismael Pedrosa.

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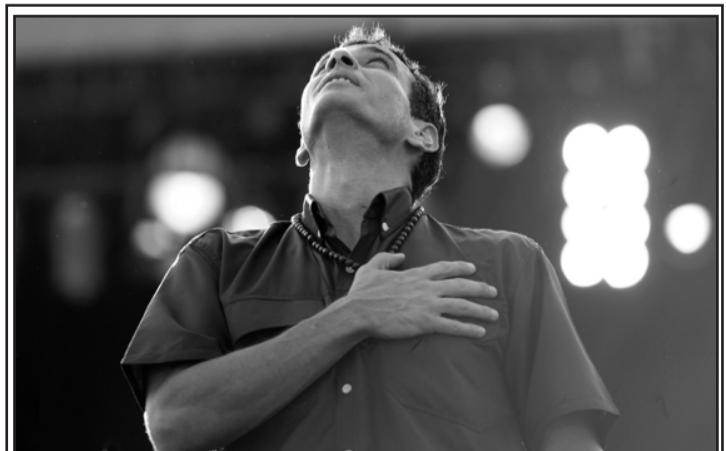
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## Health & Living

### Old grandfathers, abuse in women linked to autism

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Having an older grandfather or being a mother who was abused in her youth are linked to higher odds of having a child with autism, according to two studies published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Psychiatry, adding to research that suggests hereditary and environmental influences on autism risk likely reach across multiple generations.

The study on grandfathers examined national records of nearly 6,000 people with autism and 31,000 healthy controls born in Sweden since 1932.

They found that men who were 50 or older when they had a daughter were 1.79 times

more likely to have a grandchild with autism, compared to men who had children when they were age 20-24.

Men who had a son when they were 50 or older were 1.67 times more likely to have a grandchild with autism.

The second study was carried out by researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), and was based on data from the US Nurses' Health Study II.

It examined records from 451 mothers of children with autism and more than 52,000 mothers of children without autism.

"Notably, women exposed to the highest level of physical and emotional abuse, comprising

ing one-quarter of the women in our study, were at 61.1 percent elevated risk for having a child with autism compared with women not exposed to abuse," the study said.

"Further research to understand how a woman's experience of abuse is associated with autism in her children may help us better understand the causes of autism and identify preventable risk factors," Lead author Andrea Roberts, research associate in the HSPH Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, said.

### \$87 bn needed to fight AIDS, TB, malaria: report

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The fight against HIV AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria will cost some \$87 billion (67 billion euros) between 2014-16 if the three scourges are to be kept in check, a report showed Monday.

The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria said it estimated \$87 billion was needed to "provide essential services for effective treatment ... to vulnerable populations."

The battle against AIDS alone will cost some \$58 billion in 2014-16, it said, with tuberculosis needing \$15 billion and malaria \$14 billion.

If all the funding is provided, it will be possible to treat some 17 million tuberculosis patients and to prevent millions of new AIDS and malaria cases each year, the group said.

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## Penis size does matter to women, researchers say

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The eternal question of whether penis size matters to women has been probed by a team of international scientists who reported that yes, ladies do find larger men more attractive.

What's more, prehistoric women who could see the sex organs of their scantily clad male counterparts may have helped influence the evolution of larger genitals in men by choosing to mate with partners who were bigger.

Researchers said they decided to tackle the topic because past studies had offered conflicting answers, and may have been sullied by asking the women too directly.

So they embarked on a new type of study, using computer-generated images of generic male figures with varying heights, body shapes and flaccid penis lengths.

A sample of 105 Australian women were asked to view 53 of these life-sized robot-like pictures, which rotated so they were visible at different angles.

The women -- all heterosexual -- were not told they were participating in a study about penis size. They were simply asked to rate the figures according to sexual attractiveness.

ness. Their answers were collected anonymously.

Researchers found that women rated tall men with long penises as the most attractive.

The women also tended to gaze longer at the larger men. But not too long -- each rating was made in about three seconds.

But how big is best? On that question, researchers were, er, stumped.

"We didn't find an ideal (i.e. 'most attractive') penis size or height," Mautz explained.

"The attractiveness scores were still increasing at the largest values for these traits."

The results "directly contradict claims that penis size is unimportant to most females," and also hint at why human males tend to have relatively larger genitalia when compared to other primates, the study said.

The study did not get into the racial background of men and whether that may affect penis size, but it did document the ethnicity and age of the women it was studying for hints about whether penis size mattered.

More than 70 percent of the women were of European origin, 20 percent were Asian and seven percent were from elsewhere. Their average age was 26.



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**Sci-Tech****Apple Pulls App Discovery Tool, AppGratis, From App Store**

-- Apple has confirmed to All Things D that AppGratis was removed from the App Store for using push notifications to send marketing messages.

AppGratis, a popular app discovery app on the iPhone, has been pulled from the App Store following the recent launch of its iPad version.

TechCrunch reports that other apps have been pulled from the App Store for violating a rule on displaying 'Apps other than your own for purchase or promotion in a manner similar to or confusing with the App Store'.

AppGratis was a very pow-

erful service that could drive 500,000 downloads for a single app. 300,000 new users were using the app each day. It's very similar to the Amazon App Store for Android, which also offers a free paid app each day.

Other app-discovery platforms such as AppHero seem to be still up and running, and a quick search for AppGratis in the app store reveals copy-cat apps such as Gratis App Hoy still available, as well as other free-app-of-the-day apps such as Free Apps for a Rainy Day and 3 Magic Shots – Paid Apps for Free Daily.



HANOVER (AFP) : Visitors look at the Volkswagen XL1 concept car at VW's booth at the industrial trade fair in Hanover, central Germany on April 8, 2013. The fair running from April 8 to 12, 2013 presents a cross section of key industrial technologies



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## Fasten seatbelts for bumpier flights: climate study



PARIS (AFP) - Flights will become bumpier as global warming destabilizes air currents at altitudes used by commercial airliners, climate scientists warned Monday.

Already, atmospheric turbulence injures hundreds of airline passengers each year, sometimes fatally, damaging aircraft and costing the industry an estimated \$150 million (115 million euros), scientists said.

Turbulence is mainly caused

a strong upper-atmospheric wind driven by temperature differences between colliding Arctic and tropical air.

The jet stream affects traffic in the aviation corridor between Europe and North America -- one of the world's busiest with about 300 eastbound and 300 westbound flights per day.

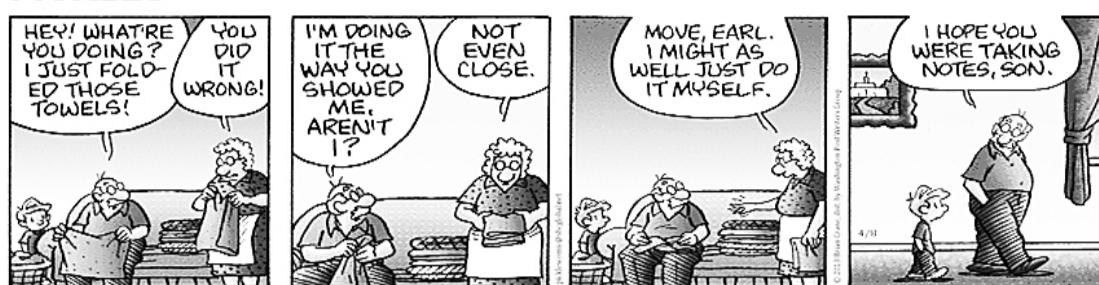
They found that a doubling of carbon dioxide (CO2) in the atmosphere from pre-industrial levels, predicted within 40 years, would cause turbulence to be 10-40 percent more forceful at typical cruise altitudes.

Williams said CO2 causes non-uniform warming, which increases the jet stream winds.

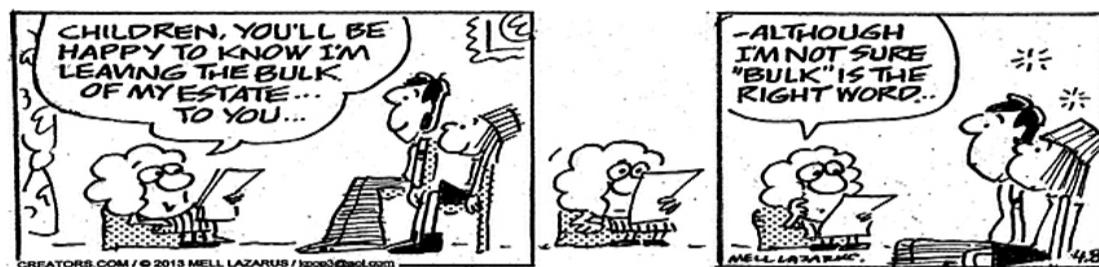
Frequent flyers have reported bumpiness to be on the rise, but this is the first study to actually measure the projected impact of climate change, said the authors.

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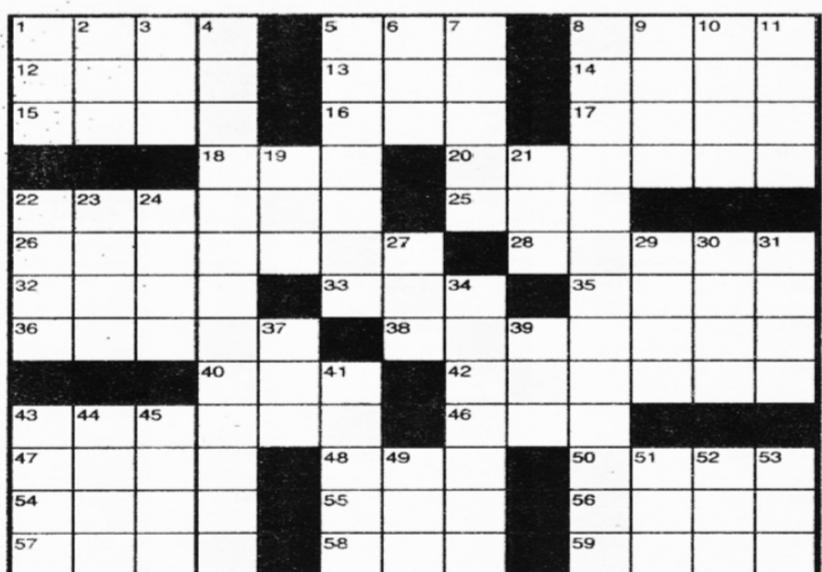
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## ACROSS

- Rain hard
- Witch's cauldron
- Large number
- Four-legged star of the '30s
- Pierre's friend
- Kind of fuel
- At one's \_\_\_ and call
- Bert Bobbsey's twin
- Rain hard
- Sheep mom
- Papa Hemingway
- Humiliates
- Position
- Least cold
- Sticker
- Sundance's woman
- Ambition
- Deceive
- Place for knickknacks
- Round shapes
- Jeans part
- Burns with boiling water
- Correspondent
- Miguel



## 47. Verdi masterpiece

48. "Just \_\_\_ thought!" (2 wds.)

50. Fuss over

54. "\_\_\_ cost you!"

55. Actor

McKellen

56. Wash

57. Onion's kin

58. Yule drink

59. List ender (2 wds.)

## DOWN

1. Computer key

2. Wind direction (abbr.)

3. List ender

4. Discuss the

weather, e.g. (3 wds.)

5. One of the Redgraves

6. Medical gp.

7. Fork prongs

8. It's romantic and smells good (2 wds.)

9. Valentine's sentiment

10. Stretches (out)

11. Raised seam

19. Miniature

21. Blusher's hue

22. Impresses

23. Tub

24. Comic

Johnson

27. Facial spasm

29. Select the best

30. Imitated

31. Not as much

34. Not where it should be

37. Fixed rate

39. Zenith rival (abbr.)

41. Rye or wheat

43. Howl

44. Ritual

45. At rest

49. \_\_\_ Paulo

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52. Federal power inits.

53. Slinky swimmer

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## Portugal says EU-IMF-ECB auditors to make special visit

LISBON (AFP) - Auditors from Portugal's international creditors will make an additional visit to the country in the coming weeks as it seeks to find new spending cuts after a court ruling rejected a number of austerity measures, an official said Monday.

Following the Constitutional Court's rejection of several budget measures, auditors from the so-called troika of the EU, IMF and ECB "will make an additional visit to Portugal", Finance Minister Vitor Gaspar said in a statement.

The court ruled Friday that several measures in the government's 2013 budget were unlawful, including the scrapping of a bonus 14th month of salary for civil servants and retirees, as well as cuts to unemployment and sickness benefits.

The government condemned the decision, which will see it lose out on about 1.2 billion euros (\$1.6 bn) in savings, making it difficult to reduce the public sector deficit to 5.5 percent of gross domestic product to keep it eligible for funds under its 78-million-euro bailout from the European Union and International Monetary Fund.

Portuguese Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho on Sunday called for further cuts in public spending instead of raising taxes to make up the gap, with social security, health and education likely to feel the brunt of the additional cuts.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



At the end of its last quarterly review at the end of March Portugal was tasked with presenting a new plan for cutting public expenditure by four billion euros by 2015.

The European Commission warned Portugal on Sunday that the country must respect all the conditions of its rescue programme if it wants to renegotiate the repayment deadline on its bailout loans.

### US Senate confirms Mary Jo White as head of SEC

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Senate confirmed veteran prosecutor Mary Jo White to lead the Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday, placing her in charge of implementing President Barack Obama's Wall Street reforms.

With little fanfare, the Senate approved White by unanimous consent, after her nomination cleared the Senate Banking Committee last month by a 21-1 vote.

She replaces Mary Schapiro, who resigned as chair of the nation's primary market in December.

White's record includes prosecuting cases related to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the bombings of US embassies in Africa in 1998.

She also won high-profile fraud cases in New York, and famously brought down mafia kingpin John Gotti, who headed the Gambino crime syndicate.

The SEC is the chief governmental agency charged with regulating the US markets and securities and protecting investment.

## Finance

### Virgin best, United worst in US airline Survey

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Virgin America came out best and United Airlines the worst in a survey of US airline performance released Monday that showed passenger bumping and complaints soared last year.

The annual Airline Quality Rating (AQR) study by researchers at Purdue and Wichita State universities said that the industry's overall on-time arrival improved in 2012.

In addition, less luggage was being lost or damaged than before.

"Passengers are experiencing better performance by the airlines, although it might cost more to fly," the authors said in a statement.

But, with airlines striving to pack their aircraft more fully, the number of ticket-holders being "denied boarding" -- bumped from a flight because seats were unavailable -- was up 24 percent, to nearly one in every 10,000 passengers, they said.

Runner-up was JetBlue, while Air Tran, the number one in 2011, slipped to number-three position.

At the bottom were SkyWest, ExpressJet and United, the country's largest airline since it merged with Continental Airlines in 2010.

With the merger of American Airlines and US Airways announced last month, the authors warned that more consolidation in the industry could lead to worse performance rather than better.

Preliminary approval came after Kingston carried out the country's second domestic debt restructuring in three years.

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The IMF board is expected to rule on the loan by the end of April.

### Oil prices rebound after last week's sharp drop, while US stocks gain on earnings hopes

NEW YORK (AFP) - Global oil prices rebounded Monday after last week's sharp fall on poor US jobs data.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) light sweet crude for May delivery, added 66 cents to \$93.36 per barrel.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for May gained 54 cents to \$104.66 per barrel.

Crude futures had fallen sharply over Wednesday-Friday last week, losing more than \$4 a barrel hit by poor US jobs numbers that slightly dimmed the picture for growth in the world's largest economy.

Timothy Evans of Citi Futures said strong supplies in



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### IMF loan for Jamaica raised to \$958 million

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund said Monday that Jamaica could receive a \$958 million restructuring loan, some \$200 million more than originally planned, after a successful domestic debt swap.

The four-year loan program, which must be approved by the IMF Executive Board, is aimed at helping the impoverished Caribbean country strengthen its economic and financial management.

It will be part of a larger financing package that will also include funds from the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.

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The bond swap, completed on February 28, was aimed at replacing high-cost debt with bonds issued at lower rates, in

order to reduce the government's debt service burden.

It effectively cost the interest cost, but not principal, on nearly half of the country's 860 billion Jamaican dollars (\$9.0 billion) in domestic debt.

Once approved, the \$958 million IMF loan program "crucially depends on full and timely policy implementation by Jamaica of a coordinated set of reforms, to strengthen the public finances, restore debt sustainability, enhance growth, and bolster the resilience of the financial sector," the Fund said in a statement.

"Recognizing the sacrifice involved for the Jamaican people, the strategy also aims to minimize the impact on the poorest and most vulnerable."

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the United States were putting downward pressure on the price.

That could continue this week as the US Department of Energy, OPEC and the International Energy Agency are all slated to put out updated estimates of global demand.

US stocks recovered from

early losses and closed higher Monday in anticipation of earnings season, which kicks off this week.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average traded at 14,612.56, up 47.31 points (0.32 percent).

The broad-based S&P 500 put on 9.66 (0.62 percent) to 1,562.94, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index added 18.39 (0.57 percent) to 3,222.25.

The gains came as the market looked ahead to Alcoa's first quarter earnings, slated for release just after the market's close, and earnings from leading banks later in the week.

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## Spanish actress and Hollywood icon Sara Montiel dies at 85



MADRID (AFP) - Sara Montiel, the first Spanish actress to make it in Hollywood and best known for her roles in international blockbusters such as "Vera Cruz", died at home in Madrid on Monday aged 85, her family said.

One of Spain's most loved actresses, Montiel made her on-screen debut in her mid-teens after winning a beauty contest whose prize was a film role in "Te quiero para mí". This lead to a three-decade long movie career where she featured in nearly 50 films.

Born to a farmer and a beautician as María Antonia Abad Fernández in the central Spanish village of Campo de Criptana in 1928, Montiel was known for her great natural beauty and starred in more than 14 films between 1950 and 1954.

She rose to international fame after starring alongside Gary Cooper and Burt Lan-

caster in the 1954 western "Vera Cruz", and enjoyed a near mega-star status in both her homeland and Europe after her part in the "El último cuplé" in 1957.

In an interview with Spanish radio Onda Cero in March, she talked about her life, reminiscing about the many Hollywood encounters her career had blessed her with, including that with Marlon Brando in 1951.

"I was an idiot. I didn't pay attention to him. He was filming 'Guys and Dolls' with Frank Sinatra and I spent an afternoon chatting with him.

"I didn't get to know Frank Sinatra that day because he wasn't working," she said, adding she did however get to know Sinatra at a later stage.

She also recounted the time when, one morning, she stumbled upon Greta Garbo in her garden.

"She was in my home. I had woken up around noon, because I was still living my life like a Spaniard" and rising late, she said.

"I went out into the garden. My husband was there playing

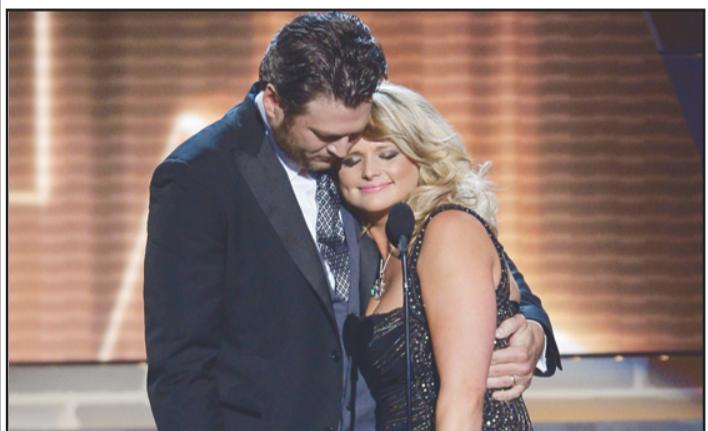


tennis with a woman. They were just finishing playing and came over to me. My husband said to me: 'Antonia, look, I want you to meet Greta Garbo.' I almost fainted."

Montiel was married four times in her life, including to the late Spanish industrial magnate Pepe Tous, with whom she adopted two children, Thais and Zeus. Tous died in 1992.

Also a talented singer, Montiel, who once described herself as "very calm, very modest", dedicated herself to her music career after retiring from the film industry in 1975.

## Bryan, Lambert win big at US country music awards



Musicians Blake Shelton (L) and Miranda Lambert accept the award for Song of the Year for "Over You"

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Luke Bryan and Miranda Lambert won big Sunday as Nashville's biggest names took over Las Vegas for the 48th Academy of Country Music awards. Bryan, 36, was overcome with emotion as Shania Twain presented him with the fan-voted entertainer of the year award at the climax of a three-hour nationally televised gala that he co-hosted with Blake Shelton. Lambert, 29, meanwhile made three increasingly emotional trips to the stage -- twice for song of the year and best single for "Over You," which she co-wrote with Shelton, 36, her husband, and a third time for female vocalist of the year. Equally humble was Jason Aldean, 36, when he collected his award for male vocalist of the year, saying: "I'm glad to get to sing for a living, and I'm glad you guys dig it." Eric Church won album of the year for "Chief" and Little Big Town collected the best vocal group laurel. Florida Georgia Line took home the prize for best new artist and Thompson Square was honored for best vocal duo. Going home empty-handed were Taylor Swift, entertainer of the year for the past two years and a nominee in five categories this time around, despite the international sales success of her country-pop crossover album "Red."

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nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

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5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

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## Football: Champions City keep faint title hopes alive



MANCHESTER (AFP) - Sergio Aguero came off the bench to grab Manchester City a 2-1 win against rivals United at Old Trafford and close the gap at the top of the Premier League to 12 points.

James Milner had put the visitors ahead with a deflected effort straight after half-time before Vincent Kompany's own goal levelled it up for the home side.

However, Aguero replaced Samir Nasri before firing in at the near post with 11 minutes remaining to claim the three points and move City closer to leaders United.

When these sides met almost twelve months ago at the Etihad Stadium, United were on the slide and City's win catapulted them into the lead in the title race that ended in dramatic fashion on the last day.

This season's race seems rather more mundane with United coming into this Old Trafford clash with a 15-point lead and very close to claiming their 20th English league title, but this result may just spark some nerves in Alex Ferguson's camp.

The game got off to a blistering start and after James

Milner's early shot was turned away by Rafael at the near post, it was Robin Van Persie who worked the first real opening but his low shot slid across the slick surface wide of the post.

In an open game, City pressed forward themselves and a well-placed pass from Kompany found David Silva in the area, the Spaniard playing a first-time cross for Carlos Tevez only for Phil Jones to get across just in time to block the Blues' striker.

The visitors had the next chance but Nasri snatched at the ball inside the area after it fell kindly to the Frenchman and it went harmlessly wide.

United, who were without Nemanja Vidic, were defending well and they almost hit on the counter attack but Ashley Young failed to get his cross into the area with Van Persie waiting.

Just before the break, Rafael almost opened the scoring by fluke when he stuck a foot out but the ball looped up onto Joe Hart's crossbar.

City were aggrieved when referee Mike Dean blew for the break when they were attacking but they were in front

soon after the restart following a rare error from veteran Ryan Giggs.

The United midfielder lost possession in midfield and Gareth Barry made the most of it before feeding Nasri, who set up Milner and the England international powered a low shot goalwards that deflected off Jones and past David De Gea.

Jones was in action at the other end to help level the score in the 58th minute as he met Van Persie's in-swinging free-kick after Joe Hart flapped at it.

The ball rebounded off Jones's shoulder and into the back of Kompany with the City defender credited with the own goal.

City boss Roberto Mancini claimed Aguero was ready to play but not fit enough for 90 minutes and he brought him on with 19 minutes to go.

The Argentine was certainly fit enough to sprint past the United defence late on after Yaya Toure fed him the ball and he smashed it into the roof of David De Gea's net at the near post to send the visiting City fans wild.

Ferguson responded by throwing on Javier Hernandez for the final few minutes but United could not create a clear opening to get an equaliser.



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## Sport



-- Red Sox manager John Farrell shifted his lineup for Monday's home opener against the Baltimore Orioles, starting Daniel Nava in left field instead of rookie Jackie Bradley Jr. The move paid off handsomely in the bottom of the seventh inning when Nava belted a three-run home run that lifted the Sox to a 3-1 victory before a sell-out crowd of 37,008.



-- Marco Estrada pitched seven effective innings and doubled home a run Monday, helping the Milwaukee Brewers stop a five-game slide with a 7-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs in the first game of the season at Wrigley Field. photo shows Norichika Aoki, of Japan, right, celebrates with Rickie Weeks after scoring a double hit by Ryan Braun



-- On Saturday, at the conclusion of a spring college football game at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 7-Year-Old Brain Cancer Patient Scores 69 Yard TD. Martinez directed him to the right position, took the snap and handed him the ball. Then, like any good running back, Jack looked for the hole.

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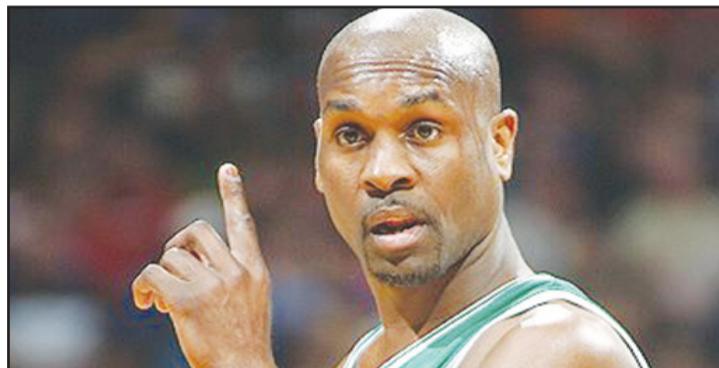
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## Basketball: Payton among seven voted into Hall of Fame



ATLANTA (AFP) - Nine-time NBA All-Star Gary Payton and four-time NBA All-Star Bernard King were among seven people voted into the Basketball Hall of Fame this year, officials announced.

US college coaching greats Jerry Tarkanian, Guy Lewis and Rick Pitino plus five-time Women's NBA All-Star Dawn Staley and three-time US women's coach of the year Sylvia Hatchell were also voted into the sporting honor roll.

Enshrinement ceremonies will be staged September 8 at Springfield, Massachusetts, and will include five previously announced members elected to the Hall of Fame by various committees.

Brazilian legend Oscar Schmidt was among those previously named to the Class of 2013.

Payton, known as "The Glove" for his defensive skills, had 2,445 career steals and was the 1996 NBA Defensive Player of the Year. He played on Olympic gold medal US teams in 1996 and 2000 and won an NBA title with Miami in 2006.

First-time nominees who failed to obtain enough support from the honors committee for induction included six-time NBA All-Star Mitch Richmond, five-time NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway and two-time NBA champion coach Tom Heinsohn.

Also missing out from among the finalists were four-time NBA All-Stars Maurice Cheeks and Spencer Haywood.

## Football: Lazio let slip win in Rome derby

MILAN (AFP) - Brazilian midfielder Hernanes went from hero to villain as 10-man Lazio let slip a potential win in a thrilling derby against Roma that was marred beforehand by clashes between fans and police.

The incidents prompted Rome's mayor to call for calm, yet on the pitch it was anything but as Hernanes gave Lazio a 16th minute lead in spectacular fashion, only to miss from the penalty spot early in the second half.

Roma were awarded a penalty just before the hour and Francesco Totti stepped up to beat Federico Marchetti but despite the 69th minute expulsion of Lazio defender Giuseppe Bavia the hosts failed to capitalise.

Roma's sixth draw of the campaign left the Giallorossi in seventh place in Serie A, 23 points behind leaders Juventus and three behind Lazio.

Roma, looking for the win that would boost their chances of a place in Europe next season, started brightly with Totti crossing for Erik Lamela at the far post only for the midfielder to see his header go straight to Marchetti.

The hosts pressed on in their search for an early goal but the first signs of Lazio's threat came on 13 minutes when Antonio Candreva stung the hands of Roma keeper Maarten Stekelenburg with a superb angled drive.

Barely a minute later Lamela pounced on some slack defending at the Lazio byline, doing well to keep possession before seeing his attempt to set up a colleague fall at the feet of a Lazio defender.

Three minutes later the Biancocelesti took the lead in stunning fashion when Hernanes struck what will likely go down as one of the goals of the season.

After collecting a cross from the left the Brazilian midfielder took two touches, turned on to his left foot and sent a superbly



struck shot past the hands of Stekelenburg from 25 metres out.

Only a minute later Hernanes threatened again but after dribbling his way through Roma traffic in the area he saw his effort bundled to safety.

Lazio looked dangerous at every turn in the first half but Roma survived the onslaught and emerged with more purpose after the half-time interval.

Their enthusiasm waned, however, after just three minutes when a handball from defender Marquinhos gave the visitors a penalty.

After his first-half wonder-strike, Hernanes, however, contrived to send the ball high and wide of Stekelenburg's goal.

The referee then pointed to the penalty spot after the Brazil-

ian fouled Miralem Pjanic on the edge of the area minutes later, with Totti stepping up to squeeze his shot past Marchetti to pull Roma level.

The goal buoyed Roma and the hosts came close when Lamela's shot was pushed wide, then Alessandro Florenzi spurned the chance to beat Marchetti when latched onto the rebound from a Totti freekick.

Roma were given a further boost when Biava saw red for a second bookable offence on 69 minutes.

However they failed to capitalise and victory seemed destined to escape them after Lamela missed a gilt-edged chance when he headed Totti's cross over from a metre out in the latter stages.

### MLB Standings

#### American League

	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	04	02	.667	--	
BALTIMORE	03	03	.500	1.0	
TAMPA	03	03	.500	1.0	
YANKEES	02	04	.333	2.0	
TORONTO	02	04	.333	2.0	

#### Central

	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	04	02	.667	--
MINNESOTA	04	02	.667	--
KANSAS	03	03	.500	1.0
DETROIT	03	03	.500	1.0
CLEVELAND	03	03	.500	1.0

#### West

	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	05	02	.714	--
TEXAS	04	02	.667	0.5
SEATTLE	03	04	.429	2.0
LA ANGELES	02	04	.333	2.5
HOUSTON	01	05	.167	3.5

#### National League

	East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	05	01	.833	--	
NY METS	04	02	.667	1.0	
WASHINGTON	04	02	.667	1.0	
PHILADELPHIA	02	04	.333	3.0	
MIAMI	01	05	.167	4.0	

#### Central

	W	L	Pct	GB
CINCINNATI	04	02	.667	--
ST. LOUIS	03	03	.500	1.0
CHICAGO	02	04	.333	2.0
PITTSBURG	01	05	.167	3.0
MILWAUKEE	01	05	.167	3.0

#### West

	W	L	Pct	GB
ARIZONA	05	01	.833	--
COLORADO	05	01	.833	--
DODGERS	04	02	.667	1.0
SAN FRANCISCO	03	03	.500	2.0
SAN DIEGO	01	05	.167	4.0

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# NBA: Clippers beat Lakers to clinch division title, Carmelo nets 36 as Knicks beat Thunder



Kobe Bryant #24 of the Los Angeles Lakers goes to the basket

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Los Angeles Clippers clinched their first division title in their 42-year history with a 109-95 rout of the Los Angeles Lakers behind a 24 point, 12 assist effort from Chris Paul on Sunday.

Blake Griffin finished with 24 points, 12 rebounds and five assists for the Clippers who ended the Lakers' five-year run atop the Pacific Division standings.

The Clippers also swept the season series against the rival Lakers for the first time since 1974-75 when they were known as the Buffalo Braves.

Jamal Crawford came off the bench to score 20 points for the Clippers at Staples Center arena.

Kobe Bryant had 25 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds for the Lakers, who are in a fight with the Utah Jazz for the

eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

The Lakers have five games left, four of them at the Staples Center.

Dwight Howard finished with 25 points as the Lakers had their modest three-game winning streak halted.

The Memphis Grizzlies and Charlotte Bobcats are the only teams in National Basketball Association history to not win a division championship.

least 40 points in each of the Knicks' past three triumphs, hit 15-of-29 from the field as New York snapped a five-game losing streak at Oklahoma City.

The Knicks, who have not lost since March 17 at the Los Angeles Clippers, improved to 50-26 -- their winningest season since 1999-2000 -- and moved within one victory or Brooklyn loss of clinching the Atlantic division title.

New York's current win streak, the third-longest in club history, is the best since a 15-game run during the 1993-94 campaign.

J.R. Smith added 22 points for New York, including two key baskets in a late 11-2 run in the fourth quarter. Raymond Felton scored 16 points and eight assists, Tyson Chandler had 15 points and Jason Kidd added 14.



Carmelo Anthony #7 of the New York Knicks drives against Serge Ibaka #9 of the Oklahoma City Thunder

In Oklahoma City Carmelo Anthony scored 36 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead New York over Oklahoma City 125-120 on Sunday, stretching the Knicks' NBA winning streak to 12 games.

Anthony, who had scored at

With the loss, the Thunder fell to 56-21 and dropped one game behind San Antonio in the race for the best record in the Western Conference and a home-court edge in the playoffs that begin later this month.



"Members of the 2013 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame class line up for a photo after inductee announcements, Monday, April 8, 2013, in Atlanta, Georgia. Shown standing behind Jerry Tarkanian from left are Edwin and Nikki Henderson representing Dr. E.B. Henderson, Richard Guerin, Russ Granik, Sylvia Hatchell, Bernard King, Gary Payton, Rick Pitino, Dawn Staley, and CBS announcer Jim Nantz representing Guy Lewis" (AFP PHOTO)



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